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Prices and Prospects.

THE COKE MARKET SENSIBLY STIFFENS BUT NO PRICES YET NAMED FOR 1916

Three Principal Influences Behind the Boosting Movement.

SURPLUS STOCKS ALL ABSORBED

And Era of Cheap Spot Coke at End
Last Quarter Delivers Held \$2
Foundry Coke in Good Demand
at Good Prices, Plus Iron Movement

Special to The Weekly Courier
PIRATESBURG, Aug. 25.—The Connellsville coke market has stiffened very decidedly in the past week, though, as a result of influence. Sales of exempt furnace coke have been made at \$1.60 and to the extent of 4,000 tons in the past few days, and there does not seem to be any offerings of standard grade for prompt shipment at less than this figure. There has been a large demand for prompt coke in the past week, the sales made being in relatively small lots to a number of buyers. The stiffening in the market was not produced by any large demand for prompt coke, but rather by a restriction in the volume of coke offered for prompt delivery. The reason is that there was not much surplus coke on hand. Operators seem to have been more careful to adjust their production to contract requirements than was the case in July when the temporary curtailment of shipments on a number of contracts left a unwieldy volume of coke available for prompt shipment.

Apart from the advance in furnace coke for prompt shipment, there has been an enlargement in the views of operators as to prices that should be obtained on contracts extending over the balance of 1915.

The stiffening of the coke market appears to due to three influences: the smaller volume of prompt coke offered, the continued improvement in the iron and steel industries generally and the appearance of inquiry for contract coke for the first half of next year. Several consuming interests have been sounding the market in the case with as to contracts for the first half of next year. The mercantile furnaces have begun asking for prompt coke, and, as a result, it is to be expected that there will be considerable movement in the next few weeks for the first quarter or half of the year, naturally making the immediate interests desirous of ascertaining what their coke is going to cost them. No definite quotations appear to have been made thus far, but it is to be expected that there will be a marked advance in the price of prompt coke for delivery after January 1. The furnaces are not making bids and it requires time for the operators to make up their minds. On the one hand they continue to hold the belief that coke is going to be the best bet for the close of the year when there is a strong and reliable market, while they expect the price to be higher and in better demand and thus they have visions of coke at \$2.00 to \$2.50. On the other hand they are confronted with the fact that prompt coke has lately sold at \$1.60 and is now only \$1.00. Some quotations on first half delivery are likely to be made within a week or two, and it is not improbable that several contracts will be closed.

Views as to earlier delivery have advanced as there is not much of the summer and autumn period for the market to be supplied. It is to be expected that there will be a larger volume of business will be required to support the market. Export demand shows no sign of diminishing, but seems to be balanced by the balance of the market. The steady decline in the market is due to the fact that there is a marked increase in the number of contracts for prompt coke, which is to be expected, and the market is becoming more and more balanced. The market is still strong, but it is to be expected that it will continue to decline as the market becomes more and more balanced.

While the market is still strong, it is to be expected that there will be a marked increase in the market, and thus the market is to be expected to decline as the market becomes more and more balanced.

Recently, Monday, the American Steel & Wire Company announced ad-

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FAMILY REUNIONS A BIG SUCCESS IN SPITE OF SHOWERS

Many Gatherings Held in
This Section Saturday
and Sunday.

KING CLAN OUT IN FORCE

Hundreds Attend Big Reunion Held at Ohiopyle, Descendants of William Martin Gather Near Pennsylvania, Junks Arrange Their Gathering

Unfavorable weather conditions did not interfere with the pleasure and attendance of family reunions held Saturday and Sunday.

About 200 members of the King family from parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio attended the seventh annual reunion held Saturday at the Rainier Park Ohiopyle. Special cars were attached to Edinburg and Ohio trains 48 and 49 for the accommodation of the members of the family from Connellsville and vicinity. The King reunion is one of the largest ever held in this state, members of the family being among the earliest to come to this country about 1750, settling in the eastern part of the state and later removing to western Pennsylvania. Among the oldest living members are Nathaniel King of Ohiopyle, C. J. Critchfield of Hinsdale, Illinois, and the twin brothers, Irvin King of Uniontown, Alfred King, Leichliter and Catherine King.

At a business session officers were elected as follows: Nathaniel King, president; C. E. Brooks, vice president; and Mrs. Ralph McCormick, Connellsville secretary and treasurer. An interesting program included addresses by Dr. F. Critchfield of Hinsdale, secretary of agriculture; Trot Harlow Brooks of Mill Run; George H. King of Someret, and Dr. George C. Scott of Scotland. An elaborate dinner was served from well filled baskets brought by the guests and a most enjoyable day was spent.

Among those present were N. B. Gottschall and family, Hinsdale; Dr. J. K. Tammill and family, Erie; Dr. John Eichner and family, Newkirk; Mrs. Walter Wentworth and son Edward, Walmar, Erie; N. B. Tammill and family, A. J. Tammill and daughter Katherine and Nathaniel King; William F. Tammill and family; Dr. F. Critchfield and family; Dr. E. W. Bell and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCormick; Miss Mary E. Lee; Mrs. William McCormick; Mrs. George Leichliter; C. J. Leichliter and family; Connellsville; Mrs. M. Hollister and daughter Mrs. and Mrs. Harris, former and children of Louisville, Ky.

The descendants of William Martin of Perry township held their annual reunion at Mount Washington, the home of Mrs. Anna Smith, Thomas Lee and Carl Martin in Perryton. The family association consisted of the late Mr. Lewis, his son Carl and wife, Carl having died and from William Martin who is 14 years old, took up lands near this place which are still in possession of some of his descendants.

When the Martin brothers and sisters had the dinner spread and all had assembled about the table, seventy-one responded to roll call. Every minute was enjoyed by everyone present.

The annual reunion of the Lincoln Society will be held Thursday at Shady Grove Park. The family branch of the largest in the county and a large gathering of the family from all over Fayette county and more distant points are expected.

The officers of the association are as follows: S. J. Snyder of Fairmont, president; Mrs. Sarah McClintock of Peck, vice president; J. K. Johnson or Uniontown secretary; Mrs. J. S. Whetzel of Uniontown treasurer.

Plans for the annual reunion of the Junk family were completed Saturday at a meeting of the executive committee. The reunion will be held September 11 at the home of Robert Junk in South Union township. For the past three years members of the clan from all parts of the country have assembled at the Lincolnton Inn.

Robert Junk, who is 97 years old, will be the honored guest in addition to the oldest member of the family, Mr. Jimmie, one of the oldest and most widely known citizens of Fayette county.

At the meeting John H. Junk acted as temporary chairman and committee was appointed to prepare the program. John H. Smith, Mrs. Beatha Junk and Miss Kate Junk, entertainment committee; Miss Elizabeth Bryson, Miss Kate Junk, Miss Anna Junk and Miss Anna Smith.

The officers are David Junk, president; Samuel Junk and Landon Arnold, vice presidents; Miss Martha Junk, secretary and William K. Bryan, treasurer.

The third annual reunion and home gathering of the children of Mrs. Anna L. Smith of Dunbar, gathered at her home in August 26 in honor of her 75th birthday. There were present 45 children, 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild, recordholders of the incident weather a very enjoyable day was spent by all.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James J. Smith and family of East Union, N. J. Smith and family of Smithfield; George D. Smith and family of Orient, J. S. Kinck and family of Youngwood; C. E. Smith and family; J. E. Smith; T. D. McAllister of Dunbar; Lee Kite; and family and David Lyons of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and children; Miss Doris Smith; Miss Springer; Miss Elizabeth Hunter; Mrs. Charles Hall and son; and Mrs. Boyd of Dunbar.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Cox at Mount Pleasant was the scene of a happy family reunion yesterday afternoon when members of the Cox family from Fayette and Westmoreland counties and other points assembled and spent in enjoyable afternoon relating many pleasant reminiscences of their earlier days. The oldest member of the family present was

PRESENT COUNCIL IS URGED TO RUN FOR OFFICE AGAIN

Delegation Sounds Call of
Duty to the Majority
Members.

GANS WILLING IF OTHERS WILL

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STATE OFFERS ITS AID IN CURBING A SPREAD OF DISEASE

Dr. Dixon Volunteers Assistance if Needed to Check Scarlet Fever.

CITY CAN HANDLE SITUATION

Clerk Dixie Advises That No New Cases Have Been Reported and Situation in Greenwood Not Worrying, Council Determined to Lay Sewer

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon head of the State Department of Health, has written to City Clerk A. O. Dixie offering the aid of the department if necessary to prevent the spread of scarlet fever. Five cases of which have been reported from the vicinity of Blackstone Avenue in Greenwood. Dr. Dixon is at present called to the service by an item in the Courier on August 11.

Clerk Dixie has replied stating that there is no occasion for alarm as no additional cases have been reported.

It was reported by residents of the vicinity last Friday that two more cases of the disease had appeared in the family of Mrs. Myrtle Boyd where two children already are down with the disease. No such report however has yet been made to the Board of Health.

In an effort to improve conditions in that neighborhood council plans to construct about 1000 feet of sewer on the street. This is not preventing the scarlet fever as due to lack of sewerage but at the same time there is no disputing the fact that a sewer is badly needed. Health Officer George Hetsel says that conditions there are unsanitary, house drainage flowing into the gutters in front of the homes. About 16 families would be benefited by the sewer which will cost between \$1000 and \$1100. The matter was taken up by council on Monday night and it was arranged to meet on the ground on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the situation. One Councilman, J. C. Goss and a. J. Hobbs supported Councilman F. W. Wright is out of town and the mayor had expressed his disinclination to attend any conference. Councilman John Duggar however had agreed to be there.

Superintendent of Streets, Hooper declared today that the sewer undoubtedly would be built and it is expected that action will be taken to that end at the next meeting. Physicians and members of the Board of Health have received copies of the new state act changing quarantine regulations for contagious diseases. Attention is called to the changes in the special act to physicians in order that none may be unaware of its provisions.

The new act makes it compulsory to report and quarantine a number of additional diseases and the quarantine is made just as rigid for the mild as for the severe forms of disease. The lighter forms of scarlet fever and smallpox are to be quarantined just as strictly as the true form of the disease. To the list are added diphteritic croup, membranous croup, malarial fever and others less common. Pneumonia has always been in the list of diseases to be reported but it is neither reported nor pictured here.

SEES MANY CHANGES

Arle Palmer Visits Home Town After 25 Years Absence

Arle Palmer of Worcester, Mass. who is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Sol Palmer of South Hillsburg sees many changes in Connellsville not having gazed upon his home city for 25 years. He is especially interested in the collection of old photographs in Houston's window.

Mr. Palmer is one of the members of the Castleglen Camping Club whose pictures when exhibited started a veritable craze for old photo types which resulted in a collection of close to 100 all of which are rare interesting historically.

Among the latest old pictures is a familiar view of Colonel Crawford's home and spring along with a picture of Colonel Crawford which is the property of Dr. C. W. Callahan and one of the locomotives manufactured by the locomotive works in 1875. The engine is named the Cleonese and was for the C. P. & L. S. railroad. The latter picture is the property of Mrs. Mattie A. Leeter of East Main street.

HAS FINE LAWN

Means Place at Poplar Grove is a Community Beauty Spot

One of the beauty spots of Poplar Grove the pretty suburb along the state road east of town is the home of William Means just opposite the street car stop. The grounds surrounding the home are particularly attractive as the result of the industry of Miss Grace Means.

Pretty flowers and a lawn smooth as velvet have attracted the attention of passersby on the street cars in autos. Mr. Means owns two large lots on which his dwelling stands and Miss Means has taken great pride in making the surroundings particularly attractive.

KILLED BY TRAIN

Braddock Man Is Struck on Crossing New Hopwood

John W. Shiret, 41, of Braddock was struck by a Baltimore & Ohio railroad train near Hopwood crossing Uniontown and instantly killed about 11:30 Thursday night.

Mr. Shiret who was in ill health and very feeble was spending his vacation at his home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rankin of Uniontown. It is believed he wandered away and while walking on the tracks was unable to get out of the way of the train.

MANY BOYS AND GIRLS IN STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

One Dawson Boy Is Patriotic Thenoughbred Pig to Win at Fayette County Fair

Sixteen boys and girls have entered the stock judging contest to be held in conjunction with the Fayette County Fair at Dawson on September 11. David Elkins of Dawson, 14, is one of the entrants in the class of six seven members old which includes Lincoln, China, barrow which he is fattening to exhibit at the fair. His savings for many months are invested in this pig and the boy is entitled to take the youngest thoroughbred breeder and feeder in the country.

Thus far donations of several high class thoroughbred cattle and other livestock have been made. Mr. T. Cochran president of the Fayette County Fair in addition to donations of beautiful yearling Shetland ponies has also given \$5 toward the purchase of thoroughbred livestock. Miss Sarah Cochran donated \$25 as a response for one of the entries into a sweepstakes for State College during last week. W. H. Ghrist of Uniontown has given a handsome saddle and bridle. A. J. Hutchins of Washington has tendered a pen of thoroughbred Lincoln White Orphington chickens valued at \$5 consisting of one yearling cockerel and three pullets which have been fast pullet winners wherever shown under previous ownership. From other sections of the county donations of thoroughbred calves and swine will be offered for the contest and old Grayhounds to the hounds will probably total a value of \$300 before the contest closes.

The girls in the county are also taking an interest in the contest with one having forwarded their entries. Blaine County Farm Agent, F. P. Dougherty has been doing much work for the contest and reports great interest in the event in all sections of the county. It is not unlikely that one hundred boys and girls will receive instruction in purebred livestock judging from Mr. D. Elkins and arrangements are being made to have Elmer W. H. Ghrist, dean of animal husbandry of Pennsylvania State College, here to lecture to the boys and girls and in the meantime to the farm sections. In each of the 12 fairs there was a strong enough entry to have a judge appointed to the event and old Grayhounds to the hounds which will probably total a value of \$300 before the contest closes.

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DETWILER FAMILY HOLDS A REUNION; SCORES ARE THERE

Big Dinner is the Feature of the Day in Bullskin.

LAY PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Committee Named to Take Charge of Future Gathering Musical Program in Entertaining Pennsylvania Men is Elected President of the Club

The annual of the Detwiler family at the old home of Samuel Detwiler at Detwiler's Mills now owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Detwiler Thursday evening was a handsome, simple and well attended. The place had been prettily decorated for the occasion and old Grayhounds to the hounds which will probably total a value of \$300 before the contest closes.

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CLAMBAKE OF UNIONTOWN ELKS DRAWS A BIG CROWD

Scottsdale Lodge Members Are Genesis and Candidates Turn Out in Force to Mix with Visitors

The biggest affair in Uniontown lately was held Friday at Hutchinson Grove when the second annual Clambake was held there. About 1500 members of the Scottsdale Lodge and their wives while there were delegations from Connellsville and Uniontown. It was a big affair. The first consisted of 1000 clam, 100 powder crab, chicken potatos and 100 corn dogs. One of the pigs in which he like was made was peared in it 1:00 and the other 2:30. So one left the rounds hungry.

During the day there were trap shooting participated in by marksmen from all parts of the country. Mr. A. J. Sims, Dr. W. T. Hutchins, Dr. H. W. Douglas, George Martin and North Andover represented themselves in the team from Connellsville. The team from Uniontown was represented by Ralph and John Martin. W. H. Martin was the high wind keeper during the day.

W. H. Smart who chairman of the entertainment committee while Sid Custer and Jim Kegar saw that the socials by were properly care for.

Candidates were in for a busy day.

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SCOTTDALE LEAVES FIREMEN'S WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA BODY

Claim Extremely Raw Deal Was Given Them at Sharpsburg.

SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE LOST, TOO

Scottdale Says Some Excuse for Late Not Getting Hose Truck Prize Was Used as for Scottdale, Excuse Has Received Their Prize of \$50

SCOTTDALE, Aug. 19.—At a meeting of the Scottdale Volunteer Firemen last evening the department withdrew from all further connection with the Western Pennsylvania Firemen's Association. The withdrawal of the firemen, however, follows the extremely raw deal given the Scottdale company and the G. A. R. Band in the parade of the annual convention at Sharpsburg on Thursday. Greensburg and Uniontown withdrew from the association a few days ago.

The Scottdale firemen are members of the state association and their grievance, they assert, is well founded one. In the parade the Connellsville, the Baltimore & Ohio Bremen and the Scottdale firemen and G. A. Band were in the head of the procession. Scottdale completed and were entitled to the \$100 prize for the largest number of uniformed members in the parade. The price went to the Baltimore company of Allegany county, which numerous firemen counted and say they had but 84 men in line and these in different uniforms. Scottdale had 101 men, uniformed in white dress with blue chevrons on their sleeves and besides that had a 10-piece band also in white dress making a lineup of 147 men.

Tom Barker speaking of a peculiar thing said today, that in 15 previous parades he had been in the Sharpsburg one was the only one in which their was a chief marshal without any aides. At Connellsille there were many of them indeed, one, however, and at every street to keep the parade in line. Starting Burgess W. G. Tibbs led the parade alone followed by Connellsille, Baltimore & Ohio firemen and Scottdale. The parade went down a street and then was cut off, the rest of the parade going on another street, having been run across after Scottdale passed. Following the chief marshal they marched ahead and then were taken on another street. The first excuse for not awarding a prize, they say, came when Chief Engineer McGinnis and others told the judges that they knew how many men the fireman company had that Scottdale did not pass the judges stand.

The local firemen point out, too, that the South Connellsville firemen were present with their new hose truck and that the prize for that went to Abiquippe which had been winning the hose truck prize for about five years.

South Connellsville was in the second division. The excuse for them not being given the prize was the same as is used for Scottdale. South Connellsville did not pass the judges stand. The same excuse could not cover both in any event. The whole thing looked so like an extremely raw deal on the part of those responsible that Scottdale believes it is of no use to argue the matter and prefer simply to withdraw from the association.

Scottdale and the G. A. R. Band were the hit of the convention at which there were estimated to be 6,000 people present. They marched and they say about nine miles and all along the route the cheers, the applause and comments showed that Scottdale was the star of the show. Further proof of this is in the newspaper photographs which men who know the big features of any gathering. J. Frank Harde, conductor of the band said that in many years of parades of all kinds Scottdale had absolutely no competition.

LaVern was lucky in getting the \$50 prize for the best uniformed company. They were lead by Robert Stoker's Evanson band and for a company that has practically bid but a recent start in the the fighting under organization they have done well and are being freely congratulated. Everyone is glad that his section had got something out of it.

All the firemen were pleased with the entertainment offered them by the convention town and feel that if the judges did not pass them down they would be popular approval as well as in the opinion of the newspapers who thought the Scottdale bunch worthy of the best place in the pictures.

WEDS MODERN CINDERELLA

Charlton Man Marries Lassie Whose Slipper He Found

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—A romance which greatly resembled that of the fabled Cinderella reached its final chapter today when the pair left for Atlantic City where the lost slipper was found and returned to its owner. The bride is Miss Edith Mervine of this city and the bridegroom is Paul A. Klemmons of Charlton.

A little more than a year ago both young people were staying at a hotel in Atlantic City. One day the future bride had her slipper while running for the elevator. Klemmons picked it up and after a search all over the hotel found the owner. The acquaintance soon turned into warm friendship and latter—love. The marriage was performed at the home of the bride last night by Rev. J. L. Hackett, pastor of the Wissahickon Presbyterian Church.

Party at Pennsylvania
About 75 persons attended luncheon at the home of Miss Esther Hiles at Pennsille. A large fire was built outside of her home and after a jolly time roasting the marshmallows music and games were enjoyed indoors. Music was furnished by Miss Kathryn Lenhart and by a quartet composed of Messrs. Owen, Mulroy, Kane and Ames.

PRESBYTERIANS TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH IN OCTOBER

Exact Date Has Not Yet Been Fixed, But It Will Be in That Month

While no date has been set by the official board the new Presbyterian Church will be dedicated early in October probably Sunday or October 11. The church will be ready for occupancy several weeks before that time. The present rate of progress, but the church officials have tentatively agreed upon a date in October for the dedication.

The new church is completed except for the pews which is well under way and the installation of the glass windows and the organ.

The pews are manufactured and ready for shipment according to the building committee and it will only be a short time before they are in place. By the time that date the interior decorations will be completed and all of the windows installed. All of the Sunday School room windows are now in place and the memorial plaque and glass windows ready to put in.

The Local Firemen Company has agreed the building committee that no more beautiful windows have been installed in any church in this section. The heating system is also being installed at present.

The parson who is adjoining the church has been completed and Rev. J. J. Proudfit has accepted it for more than a week. The concrete pavement along Pittsburg and Green streets is down and nice grass plots have been laid out between pavement and curb.

THEIR SILVER WEDDING

Stauffer Couple Entertain on 25th Anniversary

A host of friends, both young and old gathered Saturday evening at the Stauffer home of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Stauffer to help celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The evening was spent in music and games. At 10 o'clock a special dinner and a special band were invited to put in the evening.

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WHY THERE SHOULD BE A CRAWFORD MONUMENT ERECTED AT CONNELLSVILLE

Dr. George P. Donehoo, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, Briefly Touches on Remarkable Career of the Greatest Citizen

Connellsville Can boast of 1.

COUDERSPORT, Aug. 17.—I am glad that the Council of Connellsville has made the appropriation for the placing of a marker in the City Hall square, in commemoration of Colonel William Crawford and Stewart's Crossings.

I am sorry that anyone objects to this well-meant effort. I brought the matter before the Historical Commission because I have always been deeply interested in seeing such a memorial placed in Connellsville. The Commission has not found it necessary to go begging for sites on which to place its official tablets. In fact, we now have more applications for assistance than we can possibly grant.

I was interested in the historic sites about Connellsville when I was there. This interest has not abated since I came up here, where historic sites are hard to find.

As to the talk about Colonel William Crawford not being of sufficient historic importance to place a marker in the place in which he lived during nearly all of his public career—well such talk, to say the least is silly.

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CITY HALL LAWN WINS PRAISE OF A TOWN VISITOR

"Prettiest Thing I've Seen Yet," is Its Verdict."

CREDIT DUE TO SQUIRE BIXLER

City Clerk Has Taken the Grass Plot Under His Protecting Wing, Protection of the Crawford Monument Will Further Enhance the Beauty Spot

The best looking thing in Connellsville was a Squire's comment in the City Hall lawn in the other day. His words were justified for the grass was never prettier and the letters Connellsville have shown up better than they do at this time.

On Friday George was showing off his home when the field occurred the letter says that he has a green lawn with big life. The loss amount to \$100.

He is looking in the vicinity of the residence of Mr. Howard's mother, who was not another house left standing on the foundations but the Howard home, wife of a good Mrs. George Howard and her two children were down town in the business district when the clouds and flood came and they were all drownded.

Mr. McCormick's sister, Mrs. Howard, was visiting her relatives in the city then. She and her son were with the sister and they escaped.

Mr. McCormick is still in the city.

MOISTURE CONTENT OF COAL DUST NOT EXPLOSIVE GAUGE

Tests by the Bureau of Mines
Explode an Established
Theory.

WATER DOESN'T MAKE IT SAFE

Volatile Matter Contained in Samples
Apparently Affected Inflammability.
But as Yet Exact Reason for Dust
Explosions Has Not Learned.

A coal dust with a high percentage of moisture is not necessarily explosive though it has been frequently been asserted that it is. The tests of the United States Bureau of Mines have shown that a certain coal dust from Utah with nearly 15 per cent of moisture will explode with a rise in pressure far greater than that obtained on exploding some of the coal dusts of West Virginia containing less than 5 per cent of moisture. The water in the Utah coal does not appear to make it safe. That, at least, is the testimony of experiments on a laboratory scale.

In the Utah coal mentioned there is much volatile matter, but in that from West Virginia far less, and the great quantity of flammable matter in the first coal appears to overcome the immunity from inflammation which might otherwise result from the presence of uncombined moisture.

But all immature coals contain not only much water, but also much volatile matter, so it is not safe to suppose that immature coals are safer on the other hand, there is abundant evidence that while mature coals are not easily inflammable in laboratory experiments and do not generate high pressures, yet in actual tests, when dusty are detonated, the dusts from such mature coal can produce most disastrous effects; for being able to generate the maximum heat, they assure the greatest possible expansion and the highest pressures.

The safety of Montana coal, made from explosions has been ascribed to the presence of moisture in the coal, and it is the fact that the water content of the samples of coal that have been investigated is high, while inflammability is abnormally low. But while the moisture is possibly a cause it is not the sole reason for the safety of the dust. Apparently its nonflammability is not an important cause either, for even when ground fine for inflammation tests the dust generates little pressure or inflammation by an electric current.

The two Montana dusts tested by the Bureau of Mines were reasonably low in ash, and there is not a hint of the reason why they should be so resistant to inflammation. Until more is known and until the value of the tests of inflammation as a true index of explosibility is proved, experts are inclined to admit they do not know why one dust explodes with ease and violence and another dust with difficulty and with energy.

As further evidence of the explosibility of samples containing moisture it may be added that no difficulty has been found in exploding the dusts of grain, by intention or by accident. These dusts all appear to contain from 8 to 10 per cent of moisture, and some also as much as 16 per cent of ash. But these impurities do not prevent such dusts from the sudden propagation of flame.

BIG ORE TRAFFIC

Contract Pending for Movement of
500,000 Tons by Lake.

A contract has been practically closed for the movement of 500,000 tons of ore this season. The change in the market price of ore will not be in a hurry to make agreements for grain. The ore trade is in better condition than it has been since 1913.

The fleet moved 1,200,000 tons more in July than in June. Shipments were 7,204,020 tons, an increase of 1,419,508 tons, or a gain of 2,318,674 tons, or about 21% compared with the similar period last year.

Shipments to August 1 show a total loss of 5,604,555 tons, compared with August 1, 1914. The total movement for the latter year was 49,670,478 tons. The general opinion is that the total for the season will reach 42,000,000 tons and that will mean a movement of about 42,000,000 tons during the rest of the season. A fair buying movement this month would make the total more than 42,000,000 tons.

EUREKA FIRE BRICK.

Pays Quarterly Dividend and Declares to Enlarge Plant.

The Eureka Fire Brick Company held its quarterly meeting last week and declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%. This company's plant is located at Mount Bradford. During the dull season it ran continuously at 75% coal capacity, but during the present year it has operated full. The present capacity is 250 daily, but this will soon be increased. The company manufactures fire brick only. Its product is entirely coke oven brick, but it makes all other shapes for all other purposes. The officers of the company are: President, E. W. Messler; vice president and treasurer, H. Watson; secretary, W. B. Livingston. H. Watson is manager of the plant.

Superintendent Returns.

Superintendent James A. Ramsey and family have returned from a trip to Atlantic City. Mr. Ramsey is superintendent of the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Leckrone.

New Shops for Seaboard.

A contract has been awarded by the Seaboard Air Line Railway of the Sixth International district, at its home in Uniontown, after a motor trip through the Atlantic states. Mr. Roby was accompanied by his family.

Advertise in The Weekly Courier.

BIG SUM EXPENDED TO BEAUTIFY BANNING NO. 2

Whitsett Greatly Benefits by Improvements Made by the Pittsburgh Coal Company There.

Under the supervision of Superintendent Snyder, the Banning No. 2 plant at Whitsett, has been given a general cleaning up during the past few months. The town in general had become very unsanitary and untidy in appearance, but all this has been removed and the tenants are required to keep their respective places neat and clean. All unsanitary shacks which tenants had used as chicken coops and stables, have been removed and suitable places have been provided for those who desire to keep cows, pigs and fowls.

The streets have been graded, drained and covered with slag, also the sidewalks which were very deteriorated, are now in good condition, well covered with slag. All fences and outbuildings in the town have been repaired and given a good coat of whitewash. The company has also provided receptacles for the tenants to put their garbage in, which are cleaned at frequent intervals by the company.

Practically all the tenants this season have exceptionally good gardens, their approximate value being between \$2,500 and \$3,000, which greatly assists in solving the problem of the high cost of living. The gain to the people of Whitsett is very great in good gardens, good streets, good fences and nice houses for the death rate is lower than ever before. There has not been a single case of fever of any kind and at present there are no cases of contagious disease of any kind.

Whitsett has the promise of electric street light in the near future, and shade trees will be set out in such a manner that every home in Whitsett will have shade during the heat of the day. In quite a few instances the people have anticipated Superintendent Snyder's wishes and have now shade trees growing on their lawns and some beautiful grape arbors over the porches.

A road is now under way to fill up the old mill race between the Pittsburg Coal Company houses and the Elwell extension of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad in order to procure a suitable place for a playground for the children; one large enough to play baseball, football, tennis, etc.

JURY DECIDES MYERS MET HIS DEATH BY ACCIDENT

No Blame Placed at the Baltimore & Ohio Shops.

A verdict of accidental death was rendered by the jury, which has just come into the decision of A. E. Myers, conducted Tuesday at Fairmont, director C. C. Mitchell's establishment by Coronor H. J. Stell. Myers was a machinist employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and electrocuted in the shops here on Monday evening, August 13. There were no witnesses to the tragedy and at the time of the accident, with the exception of Myers, E. B. Small was the only person in the room. Small, a night machinist, ate the meal with the principal witness for the company. He stated that he saw Myers enter the shop, but did not witness the accident. He testified that Myers turned on the controller lever to start the motor and he heard a click twice, and after that heard nothing more. Having a premonition that something had happened he went to the scene where Myers had been working and found him in the grip of the current. He immediately turned off the power and Myers was freed from the lever to which he was clinging.

Small stated that he had received a shock from the lever three days before Myers was electrocuted and had reported the controller in need of repairs.

LUMBER COMPANY IS CUTTING TIMBER OF J. T. HOGG ESTATE

B. & O. HANDLES BIG TONNAGE OF COAL FOR EXPORT TRADE

Traffic for Fiscal Year Shows Falling Off, But Foreign Trade Gains.

Kerr-Marquette Concern Begins Work on 426 Acres Near Here.

MOST OF IT IS MINE TIMBER

Company Which Recently Obtained a Large Acreage in Virginia Decides to Continue Its Operations in This Section With Holdings are All Cut.

The Kerr-Marquette Lumber Company, in which W. H. Kerr of Union street is interested, has begun operations on a new tract near South Connellsville, secured recently from the John T. Hogg estate. The timber which consists of 226 acres is about three miles east of South Connellsville and is near the Sideline and James tracts, which is being operated by the same company. It is known as the Shields tract and consists mainly of second growth hard woods including oak, poplar, chestnut, hickory and maple. The first shipment from the Shields tract was sent last week. Mine timber will be the principal product.

The Kerr-Marquette Company is also cutting on a tract near Dunbar. Operations there will continue until the first of the year. This company recently closed a deal whereby it will cut a huge acreage near Letchburg, Va.

Although it was the original plan of the company to cease operations in this state after completion of present tracts, further deals may be made in the future which will permit continued activity here.

Optimistic predictions are made by lumbermen operating in this vicinity for the remainder of the year and for the next several years. Following the recent depression there has been a demand equalled in the Commonwealth slight wants have been made in the lumber industry during the past few months, and although the industry has been by no means a steady one, operators find that they are in a considerably better position than they did at the close of spring and the beginning of summer. Proportionately speaking, according to a prominent lumberman, the industry in this section is an allied one with the coke trade.

"A large percentage of the timber cut in the Connellsville region goes to supply the wants of the coke trade," he said. "An enormous quantity of timber is used in and about the mine, more than the lumbermen have been able to support. Thousands of logs are cut every year for the mines in the region."

Another lumber man placed the quantity of timber going to the coke trade in the region at 75%.

WILL USE HORNS

They Are to Supplement Lanterns as Signals on Dickenson Run Bump.

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TO PAY BY WEIGHT.

Miners in West Virginia to Get Full Cartouches.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 20.—

Sightings, countlessness of weight, and measurement of weight, are to be used by coal companies in West Virginia to pay their miners for the actual coal loaded on cars. Therefore a unit has been paid at 5,000 pounds a carload and all over went to the operators.

On the other hand it has been the custom to deduct from the miners' pay any shortage found in cars.

Rails Purchased.

An order for 6,000 tons of 80-pound rails has been placed by the Gulf, Florida & Alabama railway.

THE MERCANTILE AGENCY

Operations Predict a \$1.50 Market

South.

LIMA, Ohio, Aug. 23.—Crude oil market for the central states opened again today with the opening of the market when the Ohio Oil Company added 5 cents a barrel to north and South Lima, Wooster, Princeton and Illinois, while Indiana also got its first raise.

North Lima is now only 2 cents below the coveted dollar market and operators predict a \$1.50 market.

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DISMANTLING CARS.

B. & O. Replacing Wooden Rolling Stock With That of Steel.

Following out its policy to replace all wooden freight cars in service with modern steel construction, 20 men are at work in the Baltimore & Ohio yards dismantling 150 old coke hoppers. Progress at the rate of 15 cars a day is being made.

All parts of the dismantled cars that in any way can be used, are stored away and only useless parts destroyed. Old lumber taken from the cars is replanned and all metal parts are laid aside to be repaired.

HURT IN MINES.

Sandusky Suffers a Punctured Lung in Davidson Workings.

August Sandusky, 51 years old, is in the Cottier State Hospital for treatment of fractured ribs and a punctured lung suffered Saturday in the mines of the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Davidson when he was caught between a wagon and the wall of the entry. He is resting easily and it was stated today at the hospital that his condition was not serious.

Miner Inspector Returns.

Miner Inspector of the Sixth International district, is at his home in Uniontown, after a motor trip through the Atlantic states. Mr. Roby was accompanied by his family.

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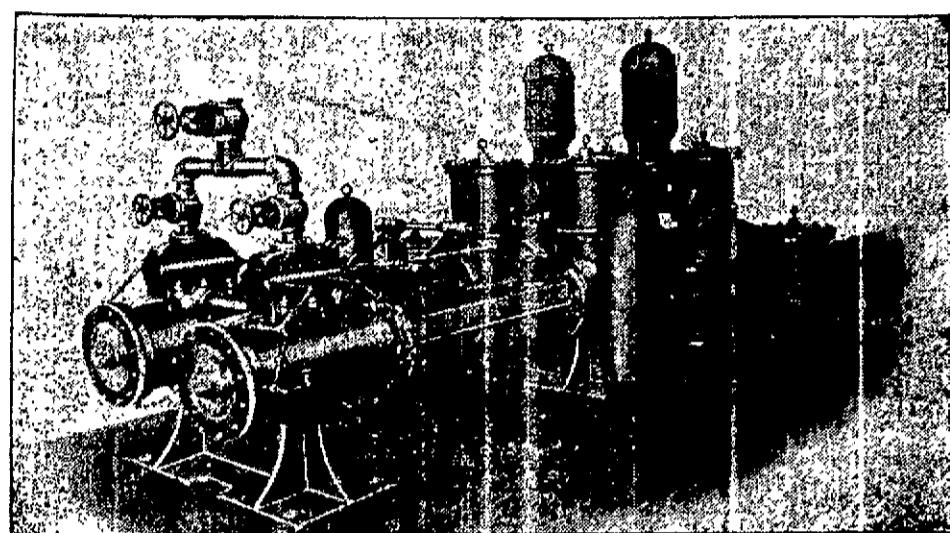
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